



Board Member at Ekaya Housing Association

Would you like to be part of an award-winning Housing Association, committed to providing a safe space, place and environment for predominantly Black and Minority Ethnic women, children, and families to thrive?

If you would like to make a real, lasting difference and help to empower individuals within our community to become self-sustainable and to realise their full potential, this exciting and rewarding opportunity could be for you.

Ekaya is a not-for-profit organisation with over 30 years of experience providing housing and support services to predominately Black Minority Ethnic women and their families in South London. Our portfolio includes the provision of high-quality support to teenage mothers and their babies, as well as our award-winning children's community Nursery in Tulse Hill, Lambeth.

Based in Brixton, South London, we own and manage circa five hundred homes, with a group turnover in excess of £5m in 2023. We have achieved Gold Investors in People accreditation, and our community Nursery is rated "good" by Ofsted.

Ekaya has an ambitious growth programme including a mixture of new developments, stock transfers and acquisitions. We will also develop our services to include supporting young parents and encouraging them to reach their potential, whether through finding jobs, internships or taking up further educational opportunities.

We are looking for two inspirational individuals with a broad range of skills to help shape our growing business and further develop our community and resident focus. We are looking for someone who is a qualified accountant with social housing experience at senior level, and someone with significant operational experience to include housing services and or asset management, with a strong customer service focus.

Ideally, we anticipate our new Board members joining us as soon as possible to allow time for induction.

The minimum time commitment will be at least 30 hours per annum and although Board Members are not remunerated, you will in return receive comprehensive training and support to learn new skills. In addition, you will join a Board of interesting people who have a range of knowledge and experience to share. More importantly, our Board members will be making a real difference to our single-parent, predominantly BME families and, by extension, our local community. Reasonable expenses are paid to Board members.

Ekaya was a Founding Partner of community interest company, Race Equality Matters and our Chief Executive is Chair of the Black and Minority Ethnic London Landlords. We hold a commitment to deliver services that embrace diversity, equality, inclusion, and fairness and are keen to have a Board that includes people from a range of backgrounds and different life experiences.

All our staff and Board Members are expected to uphold our core values of inclusiveness, integrity, and commitment.

For further information about this opportunity, please submit a CV along with a personal statement. Ideally in no more than two pages we want to hear about your motivation for applying to join our Board and the skills and experience you will bring. Please send completed applications to recruitment@ekaya.co.uk. The closing date for applications is **10:00am Monday 27th May 2024**. We will treat your application in confidence.